Such changes are necessiated by seasonal variation, shortage of aircraft, change of type of aircraft, unforeseen grounding of aircraft, route variations, fuel conservation and other operational reasons.

Foreign visits by MPs

162. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Members of Parliament had been to various foreign countries with different teams or delegations during the last five years; and

(b) how much amount was spent on this account during the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) The information will be colected and laid on the Table of the House.

hortage of plastic bags for preservation of Blood

163. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any shortage is being experienced in the country in the availability of plastic bags for preservation of blood; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No report has been received by the Ministry of Healh and Family Welfare about shortage in the availability of plastic bags for preservation of Blood.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for a Liquefied Natural Gas plant at Mangalore

164. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Karnataka Government for a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant at Mangalore has been pending for long with the Central Government;

(b) whether Government propose to implement this through public/private finance at the earliest; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes. Sir. A Memorandum on the subject was received by the Government of India in April, 1989. GAIL had commissioned a feasibility study by Sofre Gaz of France in 1989.

(b) and (c) The Feasibility Study Report has since been received from the Consultants and is under examination.

Creation of a post of Assistant Director (Regional Language) in the Central Hindi Directorate

165. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one post of Assistant Director (Regional Language) was created in the Department of Correspondence Courses of Central Hindi Directorate after obtaining the approval of Education Ministry and Finance Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this post was created after the recommendation of Internal Works Study Unit;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which this post is not being filled up particularly when the number of Regional Language medium students is more than the English medium students; and

(d) what action has been taken against thosee responsible for neglecting Tamil, Malayalam and Bengali medium students?